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Via SCPSC E-FILING DMS

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Authority to Adjust and Increase Its Electric Rates and Charges
Docket No. 2013-59-E**


Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find attached for electronic filing with the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") a copy of the SCPSC Docket Coversheet and a Petition to Intervene on behalf of Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively, "Walmart") in the above-referenced matter. All parties have been served a copy of this document in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Please contact us if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 2013-59-E

In the Matter of:)	
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Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
for Authority to Adjust and Increase Its Electric)	OF WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP,
Rates and Charges)	AND SAM'S EAST, INC.

Pursuant to Rule 103-825 of the rules and regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission"), Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively, "Walmart"), by its attorneys, respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to intervene and become a party in the above-captioned matter. In support of its Petition to Intervene, Walmart submits as follows:

1. On March 18, 2013, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke") filed an Application with the Commission requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail electric rates, charges, and tariffs. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-820 and 58-27-870 (Supp. 2012) and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-303 (Supp. 2012).

2. Walmart is a national retailer of goods and services throughout the United States. Walmart's principal office is at 2001 SE 10th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas 72716-0550.

3. Walmart has the privilege of providing its retail services in the State of South Carolina. Walmart is a large commercial customer of Duke. Walmart has approximately 25 facilities in South Carolina that are served by Duke, which include Walmart Supercenters, Sam's Clubs, and gas stations. Walmart purchases more than 100 million kWh annually from Duke, principally pursuant to service under Rate Schedule OPT. Electricity is one of the single highest operating costs faced by Walmart. As a result, any modification to Duke's electric rates and rate

structure has the potential to substantially impact Walmart's operations in South Carolina. In other words, Walmart has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding that is unique in that it is a single commercial customer that purchases substantial amounts of electric and related services from Duke pursuant to multiple accounts at multiple locations. Thus, Walmart has an interest in this proceeding that is not represented by any other party.

4. The attorneys representing Walmart in this proceeding are:

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Ms. Roberts is authorized to accept service of papers in this proceeding on behalf of Walmart. Walmart also respectfully requests that Mr. Williamson be added jointly to the service list. Walmart plans to cause to be filed a motion for Mr. Williamson to be admitted *pro hac vice* before this Commission, and subsequent to any Commission grant of such request, Walmart requests that Mr. Williamson be added to the official service list as an attorney authorized to accept service of papers in this proceeding.

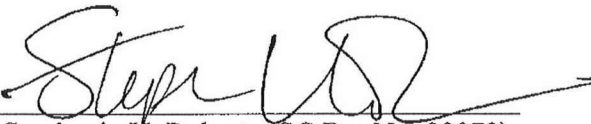
5. This Petition to Intervene is timely filed, as this intervention request precedes the Commission's established deadline for intervention of June 3, 2013.

6. Walmart is still evaluating Duke's filing and the amount of time that Walmart will require to make its presentation to the Commission at Hearing.

WHEREFORE, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, and Sam's East, Inc., respectfully request that they be granted leave to intervene and be made a party to the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served one (1) copy of the foregoing document upon the following parties to this proceeding via First Class Mail:

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